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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any National Employability Survey, 2016, if so, the outcome of the survey;
(b) whether career oriented courses are becoming useless in the present day education, if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog has called for a detailed study on the effectiveness and of the career oriented courses in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the quality of education through career oriented courses in the engineering courses?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
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(a) : No, Madam.
(b) : Career Oriented Courses (COC) have been continuing for a long time because of their significance. University Grants Commission (UGC) ensures that the graduates who pass out after completing these courses, have knowledge, skills and aptitude for gainful employment in wage sector in general and self-employment.
(c) : The erstwhile Planning Commission requested Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati to evaluate the UGC Career Oriented Courses on employability of the students in South India. The University submitted its report in 2014 to NITI Aayog. The report, inter-alia, reveals that the list of courses organised by colleges are market oriented, need based, able to promote skills in the areas concerned and career oriented. However, the Report further recommends that vocational training on par with regular education should be provided through career oriented courses to increase the coverage of students.
(d) : This Ministry has taken several steps to improve the quality of education through Career Oriented Courses in Engineering Institutes across the country.
(i) Employability Enhancement Training Programme (EETP)
(ii) National Employability Enhancement Mission (NEEM)
(iii) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) by Technical Institutes.
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